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GEOPHYSICS STUDY CENTRE
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal regarding the establishment of a geo-physics study centre in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the cost of the project; and

(c) the time by which the approval is likely to be granted to it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Sir. The proposal for setting up a Geophysics Study Centre in Madhya Pradesh was received in July, 1997.

(b) The cost of the project has been reflected as Rs. 299 lakhs for capital equipment and construction of building and Rs. 58 lakhs per annum as recurring cost.

(c) The project proposal mainly focuses on setting up of five seismological observatories to monitor the earthquake activity in Madhya Pradesh so that the threshold of detection can be brought down to magnitude 3. Subsequent to the Latur Earthquake in September 1993, the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, with the assistance of the World Bank, undertook a project for upgradation of earthquake observational network in Peninsular India. Under this project, observatories have been set up / upgraded in Madhya Pradesh at Bhopal, Bilaspur, Jabalpur and Rewa with modern digital equipment.A multi-element telemetry system is in the process of being established around Khandwa. Also, state-of-art observatories have been set up in other parts of Peninsular India which help in recording the earthquake activity in Madhya Pradesh. With the operationalisation of this network, it was not considered essential to set up additional observatories in Madhya Pradesh, as proposed in the project proposal. The State Government was accordingly advised in September 1997.